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11. ARGENTINA: THERE ARE PERSISTENT RUMORS IN ARGENTINA THAT SECURITY FORCES ARE MURDERING POLITICAL PRISONERS BEFORE THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT NEXT MONTH. [redacted] 3.5(c)

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT MAY FEAR THE EMBARRASSMENT OF ALLOWING THE HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION TO SEE PRISONERS WHO SUFFERED PHYSICAL MUTILATION OR PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT AS A RESULT OF SEVERE INTERROGATION. IN 1975, GOVERNMENT REFUSAL OF A TERRORIST DEMAND TO SHOW SEVERAL CAPTURED GUERRILLAS "ALIVE AND WELL" ON TELEVISION LED TO THE DEATH OF A US CONSULAR AGENT HELD BY THE TERRORISTS. [redacted] 3.5(c)

A FEDERAL JUDGE ORDERED POLICE TO RAID THE OFFICES OF THREE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES LAST WEEK AS PART OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES THAT ONE OF THE GROUPS HAD SOLICITED FALSE INFORMATION CONCERNING A MISSING PERSON, ACCORDING TO A WIRE SERVICE REPORT. REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO OF THE GROUPS SAID POLICE SEIZED MORE THAN 8,000 CASE FILES. [redacted]

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